

Claims.

1.(previously presented) A motor vehicle side fender having a skin separating an inside and an outside of the fender, wherein the skin possesses a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside towards the outside of the fender.

2.(previously presented) The side fender of claim 1, made of plastics material.

3.(canceled).

4.(canceled).

5.(previously presented) A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender, wherein the breakable zone comprises a shallow groove.

6.(previously presented) The side fender of claim 5, wherein the inside face of the fender includes the groove and the outside face of the fender is uniform including over the groove.

7.(previously presented) A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender, wherein the breakable zone is substantially rectangular.

8.(new) The fender according to claim 1, in which the inside of the fender includes an airbag housing situated in register with the breakable zone.

9.(new) The fender according to claim 8, in which the airbag housing is integrally molded with the fender and the fender consists essentially of plastics material.